MR. KOMILEZHATHU SANKARAN (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether, after all, Government have fixed minimum qualification required for recruitment to the Police Force so far as Nadars and Ezhavas are concerned?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI: So far as Nadars and Ezhavas are concerned they should have passed the V. S. L. C. examination or studied up to the VI Form.

MR. KOMILEZHATHU SANKARAN: But that is the qualification fixed by Government for all communities.

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI: That is the required minimum qualification.

MR. KOMILEZHATHU SANKARAN: What are the data?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI; So far as Nadars and Ezhavas are concerned, the Ezhavas are better represented in the Police Department than the depressed classes and the least represented classes. If people from the well represented classes are taken, there will be no facility for the depressed and least represented classes. So, in order to give facilities to these classes and to make the proportion all right, the Government order is passed.

MR. KOMILEZHATHU SANKARAN: May I know from the member whether the Ezhavas and Nayars are equally represented in the Police Department?

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI: Not equally.

MR. KOMILEZHATHU SANKARAN: Then how is it that the same minimum qualification is fixed for both communities.

MR. B. NARAYANA PILLAI: That is because there are men in the department sufficient to represent the communities?

MR. KOMILEZHATHU SANKARAN: May I know from the member the minimum qualification required for a post of the District Superintendent of Police in the Department?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise, Mr. Sankaran.

Management of the Poonjar Edavagai.

40. MR. K. N. KESAVAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any memorial from the Poonjar Chief with regard to the management of the Poonjar Edavagai; and if so, what action has been taken in regard to that memorial?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: Yes. The matter is under the consideration of Government.

The Vamanapuram Dispensary.

41. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the new District Dispensary at Vamanapuram was opened;

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(*b*) the total number of patients treated in the dispensary from the date of reopening up to date (10-12-1103);

(*c*) whether Dr. Slater was directed by the Government to inspect the site and the building before the opening of the dispensary and to make a report;

(*d*) whether Dr. Noble was also directed to inspect the site and the building before the opening of the dispensary and to submit a report;

(*e*) if the answer to parts (*c*) and (*d*) are in the affirmative, whether they will place on the table a copy of their reports; and

(*f*) whether there is any proposal or suggestion by Dr. Noble to shift the newly opened Vamanapuram Dispensary to any place?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: (*a*) 22nd Medam 1108.

(*b*) 5005, till the end of Mithunam 1108.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) In view of the answers to (*c*) and (*d*) the question does not arise.

(*f*) There was no proposal from Dr. Noble to shift the dispensary from Vamanapuram, but he was of opinion that the present site was too far and inaccessible for patients and that the dispensary might therefore be opend in a more central place.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know whether it is a fact that Dr. Slater as well as Dr. Noble inspected this dispensary before its opening?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: They both inspected the building on the same date.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know if it was under the orders of the Government that they inspected the dispensary on the same date?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: It was not under the orders of Government. Government sanctioned a dispensary being opened at Vamanapuram. The Darbar Physician and Dr. Noble inspected the building before the opening of the dispensary.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know whether, as a matter of fact, they inspected the dispensary and submitted their reports to Government?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: Their reports were submitted to Government.

MR K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: In view of the answers given to (*c*) and (*d*), may I know whether they were bound to inspect the dispensary?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: Government did not order the inspection of the building. But it was necessary to inspect it before the dispensary was opened.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know what is the urport of the report of Dr. Slater about the suitability of the building?

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MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: Dr. Slater was not quite satisfied with the building nor was the Inspecting Medical Officer satsified with the building.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know what was the purport of the report of Dr. Noble about the site of the building?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: The answer is given in part (*f*) of the question.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know whether before the opening of the dispensary it was ascertained that the site was a suitable one which would meet the requirements of the people of the locality?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: The representatives of the locality submitted a petition to Government for the opening of a dispensary and it was suggested by them that the campshed may be used for the dispensary.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know on what grounds Dr. Noble recommended that the dispensary was not located at a central place? What was to be exactly understood from that report?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: The reason is given in the answers to part (*f*) of the question.

There are not many houses in the neighbourhood, and the building is situated on a hill which is not easily accessible to the people.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know from the member whether she has been to that dispensary?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: Yes, I have been.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know the distance from the main road to the dispensary?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: It will be about 2 furlongs.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know what is meant by saying that the surroundings of the locality are not thickly populated?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: When Dr. Noble inspected the place he found there were not many persons residing in the neighbourhood.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Is it merely on the opinion of Dr. Noble that Government say that the dispensary is not located at a central place? Am I to understand therefore that nobody else is competent to give an opinion about the suitable location of the dispensary?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: I only said, Sir, that Dr. Noble's opinion was that the building was not in a central place.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know what is the significance of the report that the dispensary is not located at a central place?

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MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: That was Dr. Noble's opinion.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know why Dr. Noble recommended that the dispensary should be shifted from that place? Is it because it is not located in a central place? Am I to understand that the surrounding portions of the place are not thickly inhabited so as to be known as a central place? My point is how did the Officer say that the dispensary is not in a central place?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: I believe Dr. Noble had in mind the convenience of the people who went to the dispensary when he made this recommendation.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Then may I know whether it is from the point of view of better convenience that he recommended that the place is unsuitable for the location of the dispensary?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: Yes.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know whether there is any representation from the public who are to be benefited by the dispensary that it should be shifted to another place?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: I am not aware of any such representation.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know whether the representatives of the people brought to the notice of the department that there is need to shift the dispensary from that place?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: So far as I know there has been no such representation.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know whether there is a definite recommendation by the Inspecting Medical Officer, or Deputy Darbar Physician, whatever it may be, to shift the dispensary to a place on the M. C. Road, that is about four miles north of Kilimanur?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: I am not sure whether Dr. Noble recommended any particular place where the dispensary was to be shifted.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: With reference to that, may I know, if necessary buildings are put up, will there be any difficulty with regard to funds?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: There will be no difficulty if satisfactory buildings are put up.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know so far as running the dispensary is concerned, if satisfactory buildings are put up, whether all other inconveniences will be kept out of consideration?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: It is not possible to give such an assurance.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether Dr. Noble was inspecting the hospitals without the orders of the Darbar Physician?

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MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE : Sir, I would like to know whether that question arises

PRESIDENT : You may answer the question with reference to that partcular hospital.

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE : No.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI : Is it a fact that Dr. Noble inspected a medical institution in north Travancore when the Medical Officer was not in the station ?

PRESIDENT : That does not arise.

Qualifications of Dr. Slater and Dr. Noble.

42. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what are the qualifications of Dr. Slater and Dr. Noble and when did each of them so qualify ;

(*b*) when Dr. Noble was first appointed as a member of the Medical Board, Travancore ; and

(*c*) whether Dr. Noble is still a Missionary receiving remuneration from the Mission Institution which he is representing ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE : (*a*) Dr. Slater, M. B. B. S., M. R. C. S., L. R. C. P. (London). Date of qualification is not avaialble.

Dr. Noble, M. D. (Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. (U. S. A). Qualified in 1916.

(*b*) December 1925.

(*c*) Dr. Noble is still a Missionary. It is not known whether he receives any remuneration from the Mission Institutions of which he is in charge.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI : May I know, with reference to the answer to part (*b*) about the degree which Dr. Noble now possesses, when it was conferred on him ? May I know whether he has undergone a course of training in any recognised institution under the management of the Atlanta University ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE : I have no information.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI : May I know whether from 1925 onwards up to 1932 Dr. Noble was representing the Medical Department as a member of the Board in Travancore ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE : Yes.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI : May I know, if he had obtained any degree in 1925, what was the necessity for him to go to America for some other degree?

PRESIDENT : It is stated in the answer that Dr. Noble qualified in 1916.

Grant of Agricultural and Land Mortgage Loans.

43. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Agricultural Department is consulted in the matter of granting agricultural and land mortgage loans?

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